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Dear Mr. Oliver:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on your audit report of the Library of Congress' consolidated financial statements for fiscal year 1999. The audit report makes many good recommendations, and the Library is taking steps to address these recommendations.

I am pleased that the audit report reflects the Library's continued progress in ensuring accountability of our resources. For the fourth consecutive year, the Library has received an **unqualified audit opinion** on the consolidated financial statements.

We recognize that while substantial progress has been made there is still much work to be done, especially in the areas of computer security, business continuity planning and collections security. We look forward to the challenge and to working cooperatively with your firm and the Congress in continuing to improve the accountability of the Library's resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Scott".

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